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Applicant: **Akira Uchiyama**

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For: **METHOD OF TREATING A SURFACE OF A SUBSTRATE
CONTAINING TITANIUM FOR AN ORNAMENT**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed on December 18, 2002, the time for response to which having been extended for one month from March 18, 2003, to and including April 18, 2003, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and Fee, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following revisions and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add claims 41 and 42:

--41. (New) A method of treating a surface of a substrate containing titanium for an ornament, comprising the steps of:

providing the surface containing titanium;